REMARKS

The Examiner has allowed claims 5-13. Applicants have cancelled claims 1-4 and 14-17 without prejudice. As such, all of the pending claims in this application are allowed. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request a notice of allowance for the pending claims.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

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